GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Carrying Capacity Study for Mines
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is not considering the applications for issuance of Term of Reference for Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance for iron and manganese ore mines from Odisha on the grounds that Carrying Capacity Study has not been completed;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of applications returned by the Ministry on the ground of non-completion of Carrying Capacity Study; and
(c) the time by which the carrying capacity study is likely to be commissioned along with the expected date for completion of the study?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b)Twenty eight (28) proposals of Terms of Reference (TOR)/ Environmental Clearance (EC) for the Iron and Manganese Ore mining in the State of Odisha have been received in the Ministry. Out of this, three (3) proposals have been placed before Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC). The remaining proposals have not been placed before EAC for want of Carrying Capacity Study and no application has been returned. As per the procedure prescribed, EC is granted only after Stage-I Forest Clearance, if the forest land is involved in the mining lease.

(c) The Carrying Capacity Study was entrusted on 05.08.2014 to National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI). The NEERI has submitted its interim report.

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